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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER

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1. ROYAL DECREE NO. A/217 DATED 4/9/1396 H (AUGUST 29, 1976) WAS ISSUED APPROVING THE RESIGNATION OF SHEIKH MUHAMMAD OMAR TAWFIQ FROM THE OFFICE OF MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (PORTS, ROADS, TRANSPORTATION) OWING TO PERSONAL HEALTH REASONS.
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2. EMBASSY WAS AWARE THAT SEVERAL KEY SAG MINISTERS WERE SURPRISED THAT TAWFIQ SURVIVED THE CABINET SHUFFLE LAST OCTOBER. CLOSE OBSERVERS FELT THAT THE SHAKEUP RESULTED IN A STRONG, COMPETENT CABINET WITH ONE EXCEPTION -- TAWFIQ. REPORTEDLY, HIS TIES WITH THE KING RESULTED IN HIS BEING KEPT ON. EVEN SO, PRESSURES FROM OTHER MINISTERS -- HISHAM NAZER AND HRH PRINCE MITEB -- HAVE BEEN STONG FOR TAWFIQ'S REMOVAL. EMBOFF LEARNED ALSO THAT FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER HRH PRINCE MISHAL WAS LOBBYING HARD FOR THE JOB. TAWFIQ'S RECORD HAS BEEN POOR, HIS INFLUENCE WEAK.
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